

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the above-identified Office Action. The above listing of the claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration in light of the proposed amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Drawings

In this response it has been proposed to amend the drawings in a manner wherein the left and right hand portions of Fig. 2 are respectively designated Figs. 2A and 2B. The specification has been amended to reflect these changes.

These clarifying amendments overcome the objection to the drawings wherein the "right image" fails to be shown. It appears that the absence of the "right image" is a result of an inadvertent scanning effect which has occurred. In addition, the numerals 10, 20 and 30 in Fig. 4 have been changed to 104, 204 and 304 respectively, and the specification amended to reflect these amendments. This obviates the inadvertent situation wherein the same numerals are used to designate two different elements.

Claim Amendments/Rejections

In this response claims 1-8 are cancelled without disclaimer or prejudice. This renders the rejections of these claims under 35 USC § 102 and 103, moot.

Claim 9 is amended to call for the sensing step to use a sensor component. In that the Examiner has indicated under the heading of "Allowable Subject Matter" that the word "component" is interpreted to be a piece of machinery, and that human eyes are not "components", it is submitted that this amendment overcomes the rejection of claims 9, 12 and 15 under 35 USC § 102 as being anticipated by Shimazaki for at least the reason that Shimazaki discloses an operator comparing colors visually as different from using a sensor component.

Claim 14, which has been indicated as containing allowable subject matter, has been rewritten to assume independent form and thus stand in *prima facie* allowable condition.

The allowance of claims 18-22 is noted with appreciation.

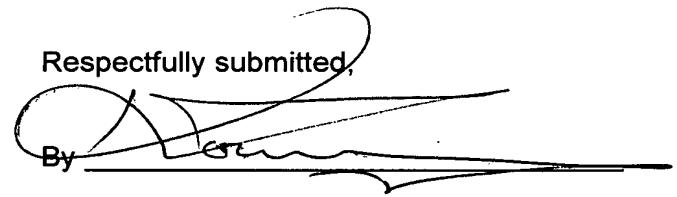
Favorable reconsideration of the rejections of claims 9-13, 15 and 17, under 35 USC §§ 102, 103 and allowance of the instant application with claims 9-22 as they currently stand before the USPTO, is courteously solicited.

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**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

In this response Figs. 2 and 4 are amended. Fig. 2 is amended so that the left and right hand portions are respectively designated Fig. 2A and Fig. 2B. Fig. 4 is amended so that the numerals denoting the three elements depicted in this figure are changed to 104, 204 and 304 respectively. Corresponding changes have been made to the specification to avoid the use of numerals 10, 20 and 30 to denote two different elements and thus overcome the objection raised in connection with the specification on page 2 of this Office Action.